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Dear United Academics Colleague,

As I communicated to you in December, UA/UNAC negotiations are continuing into 2017. While our mutual goal with UA was to have a new Collective Bargaining Agreement reached by mid December, UA and UNAC have jointly determined that we need more time. The current CBA will remain in effect until the UNAC membership and the UA Board of Regents ratify a new agreement.

Your UNAC negotiation team (Candi Dierenfield, UAF; Pat Fort, UAA; Tony Rickard, UAF; Mike Stekoll, UAS; Cyndee West, UNAC;) will next meet with the University of Alaska negotiation team (Geoff Bacon, UA Statewide; Keli Hite McGee, UA Statewide; Paul Layer, UAF; Deborah Lo, UAS; John Petraitis, UAA) on February 21-22, 2017 at the Bragaw Building, at 1815 Bragaw Street, in Anchorage. Negotiations are scheduled to begin at 10 am. We will continue discussion of Articles 1, 3, 9, 13, 15, 16, and 22, which all remain under negotiation. For the remaining 16 Articles of the CBA, we have already reached tentative agreement with UA. Visit the United Academics homepage at www.unitedacademics.net (under the CBA Negotiations tab) for information about UA/UNAC negotiations.

Particularly at this point in UA/UNAC negotiations, it is critical for UNAC members to support the negotiations process. One way of accomplishing this is to attend UA/UNAC negotiations when they occur at your MAU. So, if you are in Anchorage on 2/21-2/22, I urge you to attend negotiations (Bragaw Building, first floor, at 1815 Bragaw Street), which are open to the public.

Throughout our negotiations with UA, your UNAC team has stressed our commitment to our members to negotiate a new CBA that is fair and competitive and values all UNAC members. We remain firmly committed to this goal and will continue to work with the UA negotiation team to achieve it.

Thank you for your support of your union and UA/UNAC negotiations,

In solidarity,

Tony Rickard, UAF.